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SUBJ: NEW OIL CONCESSIONS

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FOR INTERIOR

1. DEPARTURE UN ADVISER DR. NADIM PACHACHI PRESUMABLY SIGNALS
END PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONSWITH COMPANIES WIHICH SUBMITTED
TENDERS FOR NEW OIL CONCESSIONS (SEE REFTEL). PACHACHI SPENT
LAST WEEK IN MALTA CHAIRING GOM MEETINGS WITH OIL COMPANY
REPRESENTATIVES WHERE DETAILS REGARDING THEIR BIDS WERE
CLARAFIED. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PACHACHI HAS FOURTEEN
YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN OIL EXPLORATION IN LIBYA, KUWAIT AND
ABU DABAI AND WAS PRESIDENT OPEC BETWEEN 1971 AND 1972.

2. COMMENT: INDUSTRY SOURCES HAVE INDICATED ON BASIS THEIR
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DISCUSSIONS WITH OIL COMMITTEE HEADED BY PACHACHI THAT COMPANIES

AWARDED CONCESSIONS SHOULD ASSUME SOME FORM GOM EQUITY
PARTICIPATION. BASIC QUESTION TO BE WORKED OUT, THEREFORE,
IS HOW MUCH GOM PARTICIPATION? GIVEN TRENDS IN OTHER
PRODUCING COUNTRIES, THIS POSSIBLY DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE
DETERRED INTEREST SEVERAL US MAJORS.
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